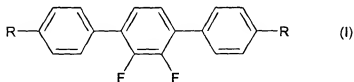


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium having a dielectric anisotropy  $\Delta\epsilon$  of  $\geq 3$ , comprising compounds of formula (I)



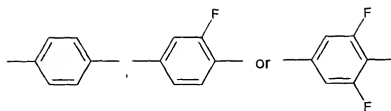
in which

- R, independently of one another, are each an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more  $\text{CH}_2$  groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent.
2. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1, comprising:
- a) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (I);
  - b) 5 to 90% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (II) to (V)



in which

a, b and c, independently of one another, can be



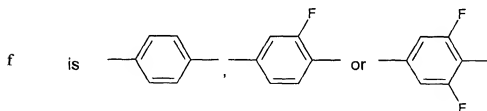
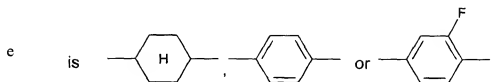
R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more  $\text{CH}_2$  groups may be replaced by  $-\text{O}-$  in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,

X is  $-\text{F}$ ,  $-\text{OCF}_3$ ,  $-\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{Cl}$  or  $-\text{CF}_3$ , and

Z is a single bond or  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ ;



in which

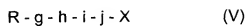


and X and R are as defined above;

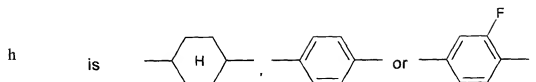
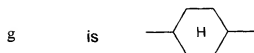


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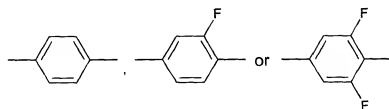
e, f, R and X are as defined above;



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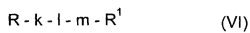


i and j are each independently

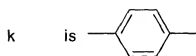


and R and X are as defined above;

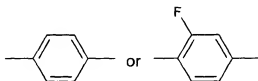
c) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VI)



in which



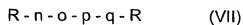
l and m, independently of one another, can be



R is as defined above, and

R<sup>1</sup> is -F, -Cl, or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH<sub>2</sub> groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

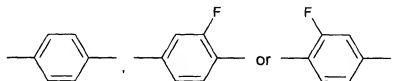
d) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VII)

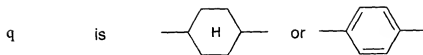


in which



o and p are each independently

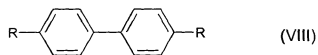




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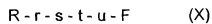
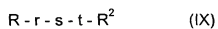
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- e) 0 to 40% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X)

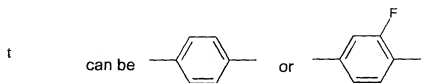
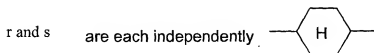


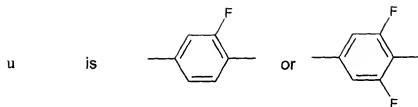
in which

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in which





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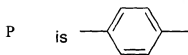
$R^2$ , is -F or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more  $CH_2$  groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

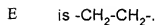
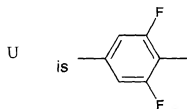
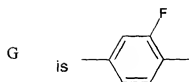
where the sum of components a) to e) is 100% by weight.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein compounds of formula (II) are selected from the following compounds of (IIa) to (IIg)

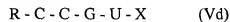
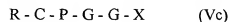
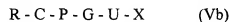
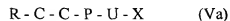
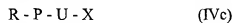
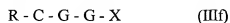
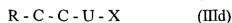
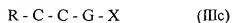
R - P - G - U - X	(IIa)
R - P - G - G - X	(IIb)
R - G - G - G - X	(IIc)
R - G - G - U - X	(IId)
R - G - G - P - X	(IIe)
R - G - P - G - X	(IIf)
R - G - P - E - P - X	(IIg)

in which

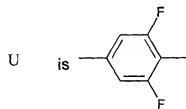
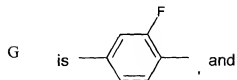
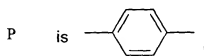
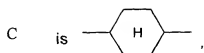




4. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 3~~, wherein compounds of formulae (III) to (V) are selected from the following compounds of formulae (IIIa) to (IIIf), (IVa) to (IVf) and (Va) to (Vd), respectively,



in which



5. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein, in the formulae (II) to (V),

R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms, and

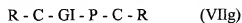
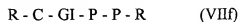
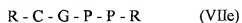
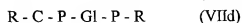
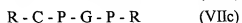
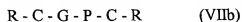
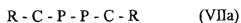
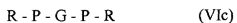
X is -F or -Cl.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the compounds of formulae (VI) and (VII) are selected from the following compounds of the (VIa) to (VIc) and (VIIa) to (VIIg), respectively,

R - P - GI - GI - F (VIa)

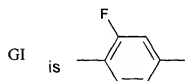
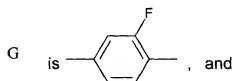
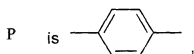
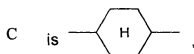
R - P - GI - GI - Cl (VIb)





in which

R are each independent of one another,



7. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 6, wherein R in the formulae (VI) and (VII) is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms.
8. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 7~~, comprising

- a) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (I),
- b) 5 to 90% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (II) to (V),
- c) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VI),
- d) 0 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VII),
- e) 0 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X),

where the sum of components a) to e) is 100% by weight.

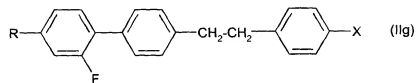
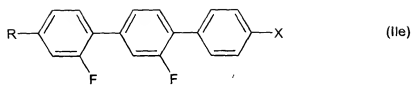
9. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 8, wherein component b) comprises,

- b1) 20 to 80% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (II), and
- b2) 80 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (III) to (V),

where the sum of components b1) and b2) is 100% by weight.

10. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 9~~, comprising

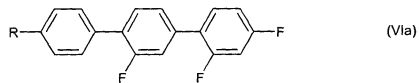
- i) as compounds of formula (II), compounds of formulae (IIe) and/or (IIg)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms, and X is Cl;

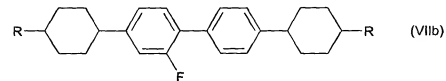
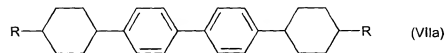
ii) as compounds of formula (VI), compounds of the formula (VIa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms;

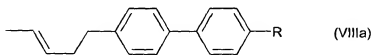
d) as compounds of formula (VII), compounds of formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)



in which

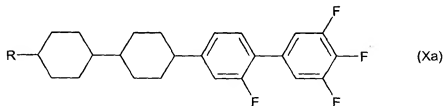
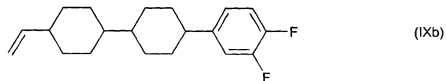
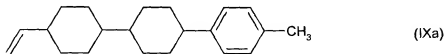
R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms; and

- e) as compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X), one or more of the compounds of formulae (VIIa), (IXa), (IXb) and (Xa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms,



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms.

11. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 10, consisting essentially of compounds of the formulae

- a) (I)
- b) (IIe) and/or (IIg)
- c) (VIa)
- d) (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)
- e) (VIII), (IXa), (IXb) and/or (Xa).

12. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 11, consisting essentially of:

- a) 1 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe),
- b2) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIg),
- c) 0 - 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa),
- d) 0 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb),
- e1) 0 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa),
- e2) 0 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb), and
- e3) 0 - 25% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa).

13. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 12, consisting essentially of:

- a) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe),
- b2) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIg),
- c) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa),
- d) 2 - 15% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb),
- e1) 5 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa),
- e2) 5 - 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb), and
- e3) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa).

- 14. (Currently Amended) In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 13~~.